

Amendment to the Specification

Please make of record the following Abstract:

Layered double hydroxide salts as charge control agents in electrophotographic toners and developers, in powder coating materials, electret materials and in electrostatic separation processes of chargeable materials, such as polymers, wherein the double hydroxide salt contains monovalent and/or divalent, and also trivalent, metal cations, and also contains one or more organic anions A of the formula (I)

X - R - Y (1)

wherein

X is hydroxyl, carboxyl, sulfato or sulfo;

Y is carboxyl, sulfato or sulfo, and

R is an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, olefinic, cycloolefinic, heterocycloolefinic, aromatic, heteroaromatic, araliphatic or heteroaraliphatic radical having a total of at least 8 carbon atoms which can be substituted by one or several substituents from the group hydroxyl, amino, halogen, C₁-C₂₂-alkyl, C₁-C₂₂-alkoxy, -C₁-C₂₂-alkylene-(CO)-O-(CH₂CH₂O)₀₋₅₀-alkyl, -C₁-C₂₂-alkylene-(CO)-O-(CH₂CH₂O)₀₋₅₀-haloalkyl, carboxy, sulfo, nitro or cyano.